

## Smith Selects Military Staff, Berry as Chief

Brooklyn Colonel, Adjutant General During the First Term of Next Governor, Is Named to Same Post

### VanNamee Is Secretary

Cols. Rodman Wanamaker and J. J. Byrne Also Are Named to the "Family"

Governor-elect Alfred E. Smith announced last night the make-up of his military staff, with Colonel Charles W. Berry, of Brooklyn, as adjutant general. The remainder of the Governor's military family will be as follows:

**National Guard**  
Colonel Rodman Wanamaker, Reserve, New York City.  
Colonel John J. Byrne, 8th Coast Artillery, New York City.  
Colonel James R. Howlett, 101st Cavalry, Brooklyn.  
Colonel John S. Thompson, 108th Infantry, Medina.  
Colonel Charles E. Walsh, 10th Infantry, Albany.  
Lieutenant Colonel William J. Costigan, 10th Infantry, New York City.  
Major Frank A. Conklin, 106th Infantry, Brooklyn.  
Major John H. O'Connor, 71st Infantry, New York City.  
Major William Schroeder, 14th Infantry, Brooklyn.  
Major William Ottman, 212th Artillery, New York City.  
Captain Patrick J. Walsh, 102d Engineers, New York City.  
Captain Ogden J. Ross, 105th Infantry, Troy.  
Captain George C. Lieber Jr., 106th Field Artillery, New York City.  
First Lieutenant Vincent A. O'Neill, 32d Field Artillery Brigade, Brooklyn.  
First Lieutenant Paul Lorch, 86th Infantry, Bronx.

**Naval Militia**  
Commodore Louis N. Josephthal, adjutant general's office, New York City.  
Lieutenant Commander Robert C. Lee, Headquarters, New York City.  
Lieutenant Commander Richard Condon, 1st Battalion, New York City.

**Former Secretary Chosen Again**  
Mr. Smith said the preponderance of greater New York men on the staff was due to the fact that the greater part of the National Guard is in this city.

George E. Van Namee has been chosen by the Governor-elect as private secretary, but the official announcement will be held back till other appointments are decided upon. Mr. Van Namee is assisting Mr. Smith in the preparation of the message to the Legislature, which will occupy both of them for to-day and to-morrow. Mr. Van Namee was private secretary to Governor Smith during his first term. The Governor-elect is not receiving any callers, except those for whom he sends. One of his callers yesterday was George K. Shuler, State Treasurer-elect.

Colonel Berry, the next Adjutant General, served in the same capacity under Governor Smith during his first term. He has been active in Brooklyn, his home, in militia matters and politics. He was a candidate for State Comptroller two years ago on the Democratic ticket. Colonel Berry was born in Catskill in 1871, and was graduated from Columbia University in the class of '98. He is an epidemiologist and doctor and lectures on military hygiene. He formerly was assistant director of Bellevue Hospital.

**Helped Break the Hindenburg Line**  
Colonel Berry was second in command of the 10th Infantry at the breaking of the Hindenburg line in the fall of 1918, and in the subsequent advance of the army saw continuous fighting until October 20. He was selected for promotion to colonel on October 23, and returned to this country to organize new divisions. He is a former 7th Regiment man, enlisting in 1910. He served on the Mexican border with the 14th Infantry.

Colonel Rodman Wanamaker came

## Stowaway Boa Constrictors Get All 'Lit Up' on Chloroform

Steward and Engineer of Orizaba Find Two Snakes Where Only One Hissed Before and Abandon Knock-Out Highball Experiment for Clubbing

If it had not been for the aridity of the Ward liner Orizaba and the fact that she had cleared Havana several days before, her chief engineer, Albert Hougherty, might have doubted Second Steward Charles Hougherty's assertion there were snakes aboard. But Hougherty, who as veracity and sobriety are never questioned by his superiors, soon proved his statements and the tale of the snakes was unfolded when the Orizaba arrived here yesterday.

Hougherty had been assigned to clean up the ship's storeroom and was dutifully going about his task when suddenly he became hampered by an impediment at his feet. Just as he was about to brush aside the obstacle he gave a prolonged shriek, dropped the mop and ran frantically to the chief engineer, shouting he had encountered a boa constrictor.

Accompanied by the nonchalant chief Hougherty returned to the storeroom and, sure enough, through the narrow opening the two fiery eyes of the reptile were visible. Then followed some quick action. Chloroform was the

chief's first thought, so they saturated another mop with the drug, poked it toward the spot where the snake's head was last seen, but the door was closed for reason. After an hour the door was reopened, but to the disappointment of the chief the chloroform had about the same effect as a highball on a college boy. It not only had enervated the spirits of one, but had gathered others. Now there were two in the room.

No time was wasted. Torreyson, Hougherty and several others stormed the stronghold of the snakes and the reptiles were clubbed to death. The officers of the Orizaba explained that the snakes were not indigenous to the ship and that they had not crawled aboard, but that on the last trip the liner transported a large collection for a side show in Havana's Coney Island, and while it was there they had all been corralled, two probably had taken a fancy to the Orizaba, secreted themselves and enjoyed part of another trip to New York.

There are no snakes on the Orizaba now.

### Ex-Prosecutor Freed of Law Conspiracy Charge

Indictment Dismissed on Appeal From Conviction of Kilroe and L. E. Swarts

The indictment on which former Assistant District Attorney Edward P. Kilroe and his former law partner, Louis E. Swarts, were convicted of a conspiracy to obstruct justice, was dismissed yesterday at the opening of a retrial ordered by the Appellate Division on an appeal taken by the defense. This was the last of the indictments found by the Almiral grand jury to be disposed of. The others already had been thrown out on grounds of prejudice or insufficient evidence.

Attorney General Charles D. Newton was in General Sessions yesterday to urge Justice Borah to dismiss the Kilroe indictment, declaring an investigation of the case had convinced him that a conviction not only was impossible, but not in the interests of justice.

Kilroe and Swarts were convicted as a result of the withdrawal of a bigamy charge, made against Napoleon A. Courasse, broker, by his wife, Helene St. Marie Montrose Bourasse, a former motion picture actress. Kilroe was assigned to investigate the charge, with which Swarts was connected as counsel for the plaintiff. After the broker had settled with his wife for \$13,000 out of court, the bigamy charge was dropped by the District Attorney's office.

When Kilroe and Swarts were placed on trial in April, 1921, the assistant prosecutor pleaded that he had no alternative but to drop the case when the settlement made it impossible for him to obtain from Courasse the testimony on which her husband's testimony would have depended. There was never any charge that the Assistant District Attorney had received any of the settlement money, and his conviction, carrying with it, as it did automatic disbarment, came as a surprise. After two judges had appeared to plead in his behalf, Justice Weeks let the defendants off with fines.

## 5 Die at Turin In Fascisti War Of Reprisals

Communists Ambush Leads to Riots in Which Foes Are Clubbed and Dosed With Nauseous Medicine

### Torch Is Placed in Streets

Son of Former Premier Is Seized at Naples, but Is Saved by Deputy

TURIN, Italy, Dec. 19 (By The Associated Press)—Five persons have been killed and several others wounded in

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## Crop Values Up Nearly Two Billions This Year

Wallace Says Farmers of Nation Will Get Big Increase in Cash

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A marked improvement in agricultural conditions of the country during 1922 was predicted by Secretary of Agriculture Henry G. Wallace in an address here to-night.

While agriculture prices remain lower relatively than the prices of other things, the farmers of the nation will get between \$1,500,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000 more total money for their crops this year than last, he said. "Perhaps the chief reason for the low prices the farmers have been receiving is that they have been over-producing," he said.

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newed clashes here between the Fascists and the Communists.

Not long ago the local Communists resumed their open attack on the Fascist parties were ambushed, with the result that one man was killed and others wounded. The Fascists thereupon mobilized, attacked the Chamber of Labor and stormed or set on fire the headquarters of other subversive organizations, inflicting punishment according to what they adjudged to be the relative guilt of the Communists. In these operations the total of dead was increased to five. The punishments administered by the Fascists included clubbing and giving doses of nauseous medicine.

Among the dead is Municipal Councillor Feruto, while among the slightly wounded is Deputy Vincenzo Pagella, a Turin Socialist representative. The Chamber of Labor was one of the buildings set on fire by the Fascists. The blaze was extinguished, but the building is still under Fascist occupancy. Among the other buildings set on fire were the editorial offices of the Communist newspaper "Ordine Nuovo" and the buildings of several of the Communist clubs.

Fascist demonstrators led by Colonel

Brandimarte, searched several residences of Communists and seized arms and ammunition.

NAPLES, Dec. 19.—Vincenzo Nitti, son of the former Premier, was attacked to-day by a number of Fascists, who charged him with assuming a provocative attitude while a hand was being laid on the Fascist hymn. Nitti's assistants were about to administer a dose of objectionable medicine when the Fascist consul, Duke Carafa, intervened, saving him from harm.

**700 Flee as 2 Theaters Burn**  
ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—Between 600 and 700 persons, comprising the spectators in two moving picture theaters here, were forced to run for safety to-night when fire destroyed the Republic and damaged the Garden Theater on Main Street, about seventy-five yards from the State Capitol.

**San Francisco Asks for Beer**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A memorial from the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco, petitioning for light wines and beer was presented to the Senate to-day.

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